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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT EG
SUBJ: LEFTIST AND RIGHTIST MANEUVERING

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1. WHILE SADAT'S LAW AND ORDER DECREE, WHICH FOLLOWED JANUARY RIOTS, HAS PREDICTABLY RESULTED IN LESS WILLINGNESS BY STUDENTS AND JOURNALISTS LIGHTLY TO CHALLENGE GOE, PAST WEEKS HAVE NEVERTHELESS WITNESSED SOME INTRIGUING INFIGHTING.

2. THE ISLAMIC RIGHT. RIGHTIST DEPUTY KAMAL AL-DIN HUSAYN, WHO EXPELLED FROM PARLIAMENT FOR WRITTEN ATTACK ON SADAT (REF B), HAS NOMINATED HIMSELF FOR BI-ELECTION NECESSITATED BY HIS OWN EXPULSION. GOE SOUGHT TO PROHIBIT HIM FROM REFILING, BUT HUSAYN WENT TO COURT AND WON. HIS COURT ROOM TRIUMPH IS REPORTED IN NO CAIRO NEWSPAPER (SEE REFTEL). ELECTIONS, SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 12, SHOULD PROVE INTERESTING, AS AMONG 14 CANDIDATES IS INDEPENDENT CONTENDER GALAL NADA, A 1948 WAR
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HERO WHO JUST AS FAMOUS AS KAMAL AND MUCH MORE MODERATE.

3. LEFTISTS IN THE PRESS. AFTER MANY MONTHS OF SKATING ON THE EDGE OF ACCEPTABILITY, LUTIFI AL-KHULY, MARXIST EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF AL-TALI'A, HAS FINALLY BEEN SACKED BY AHRAM CHAIRMAN SIBA'I. FEBRUARY EDITION HAD SLASHED HARD AT ASADAT GOVERNMENT'S HANDLING OF RIOTS. SIBA'I CHOSE MAKE ISSUE OF

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MARCH EDITION, INSISTING THAT ALL COPY MUST BE PASSED BY HIM
BEFORE PUBLICATION. AL-KHULY OBJECTED VOCIFEROUSLY,
SAYING THAT IF MAGAZINE DID NOT CONTAIN HIS EDITORIAL , HIS NAME
SHOULD NOT APPEAR ON MASTHEAD. SIBA'I, ACCORDINGLY WROTE ORDER
APPOINTING NEW EDITOR-IN-CHIEF (SALAH GALAL, CURRENTLY AHRAM
SCIENCE EDITOR AND RIGHTIST), CITING AL-KHULY'S "RESIGNATION".
AL-KHULY IS TELLING ALL WHO WILL LISTEN THAT HE DID NOT
RESIGN AND HE WILL GO TO COURT.
ALL OTHER 14 MEMBERS OF AL-TALI'A EDITORIAL STAFF
RESIGNED IN PROTEST AT AL-KHULY'S "DISMISSAL".
YESTERDAY, SIBA'I, GAVE COUP DE GRACE TO TALI'A, ANNOUNCING
IT WOULD HENCE FORHTH BE A MAGAZINE FOR SCIENCE AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

4. HAVING DISPATCHED AL-KHULY AND ALL OTHER AL-TALI'A EDITORS,
SIBA'I PRESENTED HIMSELF AS CANDIDATE FOR WRITERS SYNDICATE
ELECTIONS. LEFTIST JOURNALIST YUSUF IDRIS OPPOSED HIM. ON
MARCH 5, ALMOST 2,000 WRITERS AND JOURNALISTS CORWDED INTO HEAD-
QUARTERS OF SYNDICATE TO VOTE IN ELECTION THAT WAS SEEN BY ALL
AS FOR SADAT (SIBA'I) OR AGINST HIM (IDRIS). RESULT WAS
492 FOR SIBA'I TO 316 FOR IDRIS , AND EVEN IDRIS DOES NOT
SUGGEST BALLOTS NOT COUNTED FAIRLY. COURAGE OF DISSENTERS AT TIME
OF GOVERNMENT CLAMP DOWN ON LEFT SHOULD NOT BE UNDERPLAYED.
AS IDRIS PUT IT, "316 HEROS VOTED FOR ME".

5. CHIEF DETAINEES RELEASED. GOE MAKDE LIBERAL GESTUR AFTER
SYNDICATE ELECTION RELEASING THREE MOST PROMINENT OF
JANUARY ARRESTEES, ALL LEFT WING JOURNALISTS; PHILIP GHALLAB,
YUSUF SABRI (BOTH ROSE AL-YOUSEF) AND MUHAMMAD SALMAWI (AHRAM).

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6. COMMENT: WITH KAMAL HUSAYN ON THE RIGHT AND LUFTI AL-KHULY
ON THE LEFT BOTH ANGRY AND RESOLUTE, POLITCAL SCENE HERE
PROMISES TO BE LIVELY FOR NEW FEW DAYS. DEPOLITICIZATION
OF AL-TALI'A REMOVES SINGLE ARTICULATE OPPOSTION PUBLICATION
FROM SCENE, LEAVING ONLY MORE FLAMBOYANT ROSE AL-YUSUF TO
CARRY LEFTIST BANNER. TALI'A, HOWEVER, HAD CIRCULATION
LIMITED TO EGYPTIAN INTELLECTURAL CIRCLES, AND WAS NOT
WIDELY READ OUTSIDE EGYPT (AS ROSE IS).
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